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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL STEPHEN J. CHAMBERLIN
Director of Intelligence
War Department

Subject: Operation [redacted] - Use of the Eastern Branch of the former German Intelligence Service

1. During a visit of a CIG representative to Germany early in October 1946, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, USFET, recommended that the Central Intelligence Group take over Operation Rusty and conduct it from the United States. Detailed recommendations on the transfer of the operation were contained in a letter from G-2, USFET, dated 1 October 1946, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

2. Before reaching a decision on the transfer of this operation it is deemed advisable that a representative of G-2, USFET, accompanied by both Reinhard Gehlen and Hermann Baun, formerly of the German Intelligence Service, come to the United States for conferences with representatives of the CIG and the War Department.

3. It is recommended that the War Department take all necessary steps to transport these individuals to the United States, housing and maintaining them during their sojourn here. In view of the delicate character of this contemplated operation, CIG desires to emphasize that unusual security precautions must be taken; otherwise the future usefulness of these individuals would be completely nullified.

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